

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Anglican Church of Canada
Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2023



We Come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

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ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Gathering Carol #123

Once in Royal David's City

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Hope, and Peace)

Second Sunday of Advent – Candle of Peace

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Peace.

Our peace is found in God and his son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

Lighting of the Second Candle (Peace)

Let us pray: O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts at this time to prepare ourselves for the peace that He brings – the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when He returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. **Amen.**

All sing: “A Candle is Burning” Words by Sandra Dean, 1986. Tune by James Murray 1887 (public domain)

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way,
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Carol #89

(verses 1, 6, 7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Second Lesson

Genesis 3: 8-15

Now the Lord said to Abram, go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Carol #109

When the King Shall Come Again

Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Carol #140, (verses 1, 2, 5) ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Carol #137

What Child is This

Fifth Lesson Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

Carol #153

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world be registered.

Carol #120 (verses 1-3)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Carol #136 (verses 1-4) ***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "*Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at rising and have come to pay him homage.*"

Carol #160

As With Gladness Men of Old

Ninth Lesson

John 1:6-18

No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known

Carol #143 (verses 1-4) ***Angels from the Realms of Glory***
(vs 1 & 5)

The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for Advent

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In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations,
all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will
summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open
and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free
the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun
of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:
Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save
the creature you fashioned from clay.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and
save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty
God, let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Merciful God, grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us reconcile to God and one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Response:

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
What I can, I give him – I give him my heart.**

Glory to God & Blessing

Glory to God

Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Carol #138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of loved ones, a gift of Ruth and Charlie Lavigne.

The Christmas Wreath on the front of the pulpit is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our many family members and friends at this blessed Christmas Season, a gift of the Heasman family.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week email canondavis@gmail.com or call 519-344-9531.
- If you would like to contact Rev'd Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev'd Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email jonforbes@outlook.com
- Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.
- **Christmas Poinsettias** If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas Poinsettias, please put your donation in a separate envelope marked "Poinsettias" and include your name, envelope number, and the amount.

Upcoming Events

- **December 10 - 9 Lessons and Carols Service**, with Wassail following in the Parish Hall – Food donations for the Wassail are welcome but not necessary.
- **The Salvation Army** has asked CDM to provide food donations of Mac and Cheese for their **Annual Christmas Food Baskets**. If you are able to contribute, donations of **Mac and Cheese** can be dropped off at the back of the church until **Sunday December 10, 2023**.
- December 11 at 11:00 a.m. the **ACW/Ladies Guild** will meet in the Parish Hall.

Reminders: December

Dec 10 **Nine Lesson and Carols Service** with Wassail following the service.

Dec 10 Salvation Army - Mac and Cheese

Dec 11 **ACW/Ladies Guild Meeting Parish Hall 11:00 a.m.**

Dec 20 **Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. - Boardroom**

Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Day 9:30 a.m.**– Advent 4 - Service of the Word
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Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm.** HE – Rev'd Jon Forbes